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Congressional races top Texas primary AUSTIN (AP) — With the January and could give the GOP a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, State presidential nomination appear on the Democratic presidential nominee commanding advantage in the state's assured, the Texas primary drama turns 32-member congressional delegation. to what many Lone Star State voters are infinitely familiar with -- new con- through the new districts last year, should remember that democracy is gressional districts.

Candidates for Congress in Democrats. Tuesday's primary are squaring off in Republican-drawn districts that Texas Railroad Commission and conreceived federal court approval in tests for the Texas Supreme Court,

Republican legislators pushed despite two out-of-state boycotts by

Board of Education and Texas ballot, but John Kerry is the only major Legislature.

"As Texans and Americans, we dependent on a single act — the act of voting. There are plenty of reasons to Also before the voters are a race for go to the polls on March 9th," Texas Secretary of State Geoff Connor said. Ten candidates for the Democratic

candidate still in the race. John Edwards dropped out after Kerry's victories last week on Super Tuesday, diminishing the significance of this week's primaries in Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi in selecting

(See **PRIMARY**, Page 3)

Building back on city agenda

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

The McCarty-Hull building is again on the agenda for Pampa City Commission, tomorrow in the second floor city commission chamber at City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

Commissioners voted at their Feb. 24 meeting to defer action concerning the building until further discussion Hills Golf Course Advisory between the city and the busi- Board. ness. Repairs to the building been scheduled for the Feb. 24 property at 308 N. Banks. commissioners meeting.

ing, Andrews was excused for his absence from the Feb. 10 meeting.

Also on the city commission agenda for Tuesday:

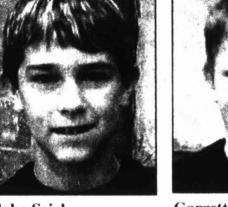
 Adoption of Resolution which will meet at 4 p.m. No. 04-006 setting a meeting time for the city commission. The resolution sets city commission meeting times as 5 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month.

• Appointments to Hidden

• Consider a \$200 bid by and a lease amendment had James Stone for delinquent tax

 Consider water donation Repairs to the McCarty- funds for tree trimming at

Gray County's top spellers



Blake Seick



Jackie Karson (Courtesy photos)

Fourteen students from Gray County participated in the Gray County Spelling Bee at Pampa Middle School Friday, March 5. Schools represented included Pampa Middle School, Austin Elementary, Lamar Elementary, Travis Elementary, Wilson Elementary, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, and Community Christian School. The spellers used 90 words. The champion, 7th grader Blake Seick, correctly spelled "compromise" and then "congregation" to garner the title. He will now will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee on March 27 at the WTAMU campus. The National Spelling Bee will take place in Washington, D.C., on May 30 through June 4. Gray County Champion is Blake Seick, 7th grade, son of Kevin and Tisha Seick. Runner up is Garrett Fatheree, 6th grade, son of Larry and Christie Petty and David and Natha Fatheree. Junior Champion is Jackie Karson, 5th grade, daughter of Chris and Stacy Karson. Gray County Spelling Bee participants, pictured below, are, from left: Row 1 - Cassie Rigney, Jessica Covil, Sarai Soria, Greg Wariner, Tara Garcia, Cynthia Solis, and Row 2 – Jackie Karson, Raul Vasquez, Garrett Fatheree, Gregorio Cabrales, Stephanie Ronquillo, Jacob Boyd, Blake Seick, Samantha Kelly. This year's Gray County Spelling Bee **Director** is Herman Vinson.









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Hull building, also known as Priest Park. the U.S. Bus building at 822

City Manager Mitch Grant's 1741C on the city's web site.

The lease agreement with Chevrolet four-door, a 1983 Subchapter D, Section Humvee. 551.072 concerning real property.

also include discussion on a Doug Boyd Motor Company. proposed gift of real estate from Pampa Industrial Supplement No. 10 will be ing real estate.

Commissioners will con- report on alley repairs. sider excusing the absence of meeting. At the Feb. 24 meet- dates.

• Declaration of certain city E. Foster, will be included in vehicles and one Uarco Model Forms report to commissioners Burster as surplus property tomorrow. He will also report and authorization of sale. Vehicles include a 1988

McCarty-Hull will be dis- Chevrolet ambulance, a 1996 cussed in executive session Chevrolet four-door, a 1996 tomorrow in accordance with Ford Crown Victoria, a 1983 Texas Government Code Ford extended van and a 1986

• Consider an appeal of the denial of building permit The executive session will sought by Greg Boyd dba A report on Ordinance

Foundation, in accordance given by City Secretary with Section 551.073 concern- Phyllis Jeffers. Public Works Director Richard Morris will

Discussion items on the Ward 2 commissioner Jeff agenda include budget process Andrews from the Feb. 24 and budget work session

Lockridge brings 23 years experience to job

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

unexpired term. He continued in the officer. office for two full terms through regular elections.

because I like helping the community, longevity and qualifications, he said. here with the DPS. and I love the job," he said.

grew up.

He moved to Pampa in 1982, year Christan R. "Chris" Lockridge is where he has been a peace officer

For fiscal year 2002-2003, he Lockridge served as military served 14 civil suit papers, 290 small constable become more professional. police in the U.S. Army before begin- claims papers, 38 eviction notices and I want to help the community and ning his civilian peace officer career. 20 subpoenas, resulting in \$20,520 in help other law enforcement depart-Upon leaving the Army, he became a fees collected by Gray County. He ments as needed," Lockridge said.

police officer in Denison, where he wrote traffic tickets which resulted in \$22,180 paid to the county last fiscal

Law enforcement is a family affair running for re-election as Precinct 2 with Pampa Police Department and for Lockridge. His father was a peace constable, an office he has held since Gray County Sheriff's Department, as officer for the City of Denison and 1990, when he was appointed by well as a county constable. He has Grayson County. His brother is a county commissioners to complete an over 23 years' experience as a peace. Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, and his wife and brother-in-Lockridge holds advanced peace law are officers at Pampa Police officer and civil process licenses. Department. Lockridge came to "I would like to be re-elected Advanced licenses require both Pampa after his brother was stationed

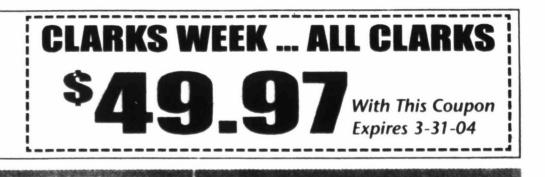
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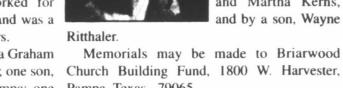
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EMMA PEARL COX 1909-2004

Emma Pearl Cox, 94, died Saturday, March 6, 2004, in Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Gene Allen, retired Full Gospel minister, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cox was born on April 10, 1909, in Noble County, Okla. She had lived in Pampa since 1943. She married Bedford Cox on Feb. 23, 1956, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death on March 2, 1994. She worked for Southwestern Bell for over 40 years and was a member of Southwestern Bell Pioneers.

Survivors include one daughter, Eva Graham and husband Pete of Tucumcari, N.M.; one son, Charlie Ritthaler and wife Pat of Pampa; one Pampa, Texas, 79065. stepson, Bill Cox and wife Meredith of Pampa; two stepdaughters, Carolyn Bachus of Broken www.carmichael-whatley.com.



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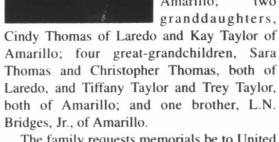
SUVELLA 'SUE' CUBINE 1908-2004

McLEAN, Texas — Suvella "Sue" Cubine, 95, of McLean, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services were to be at 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2004, at the Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, followed by memorial services at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funerals Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Cubine was born Dec. 23, 1908, in Valentine, Texas. Her parents, L.N. and Cindy Thomas of Laredo and Kay Taylor of Florence Bridges, later moved with their family to Roby, Texas, and then to Knox City, Texas, where she graduated from public schools. She attended and graduated from John both of Amarillo; and one brother, L.N. Tarleton College in Stephenville, Texas.

In 1928, she came to McLean to teach school. There she met Ercy Cubine. They were Methodist Church, 219 N. Gray, McLean, TX married May 24, 1930. She was a devoted homemaker, an active member of the McLean Methodist Church, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

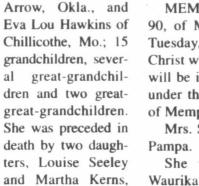
She was preceded in death in death by her husband, Ercy in 1986; her parents, Florence www.carmichael-whatley.com.



The family requests memorials be to United 79057 or to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

The family was to be at 8307 Norfolk in Amarillo.

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will be in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley, Texas, and three sisters. under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home of Memphis, Texas.

school in Lone Wolf, Okla., and also attend- three great-grandchildren. ed one year at Clarendon College. She moved to Memphis, Texas, in 1931 from Giles, Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, Texas. She married Jay Stone on Dec. 17, 79065, or High Plains Children's Home, 1930, in Hollis, Okla. He preceded her in 11461 S. Western St., Amarillo, Texas, death on April 15, 1988. She owned and 79118.

MEMPHIS - Services for Esther Stone, operated Esther's Day Care and worked as a 90, of Memphis, Texas, will be at 2 p.m., nurse's aide at the Hall County Hospital. She Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at the Church of was also a member of the Church of Christ. Christ with Tom Anderson, officiating. Burial She was preceded in death by three brothers

She is survived by one son, Val Jay Stone, of White Deer; one daughter, Nelda Fields of Mrs. Stone died Friday, March 5, 2004, in Amarillo, five brothers, F.E. Dyer of Pampa, Floyd Dyer of Chickasha, Okla.; Dan Dyer, She was born on Feb. 11, 1914, in Curtis Dyer and Leonard Dyer, all of Ceres, Waurika, Okla., to the late Mr. Charles Dyer Calif.; one sister, Mary Hughes of and Mrs. Rhoda Smith Dyer. She attended Porterville, Calif.; five grandchildren and

The family suggests memorials to BSA

AMANDA WHITE 1982-2004

Amanda White, 21, of Pampa, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at Austin. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, of Cornerstone Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery at White Deer under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

A lifelong resident of Pampa, Ms. White was born here on May 3, 1982, and graduated from Pampa High School in the top 10 percent of her class in 2000.

She lettered in track and cross country and grandmother, June Spangler of Pampa. was currently a student at Austin Community College.

father, Danny Ray White; and her grandfather, Danny Spangler.

SERVICES TOMORROW

COX, Emma Pearl — Graveside, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens, Pampa. **STONE**, Esther — 2 p.m., Church of Christ, Memphis, Texas. WHITE, Amanda — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.



Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Pam Spangler and Russell Owen of Pampa; a sister, Ashley Owen of Pampa; two halfbrothers, Derrick White and Danny Ray White, Jr.; a half-sister, Kristen White; and her

The family requests memorials be to

American Cancer Society in care of Gerry Ms. White was preceded in death by her Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

North Starkweather. No in the 1100 block of Sierra injuries were reported; the Drive. incident involved pushing

Douglas Rankins, 23, 1329 Garland, was arrested at 1224 N. Hobart on capias pro

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the fol- scene. No injuries were reported and no citalowing accidents as of 7 a.m. today. tions were issued.

10:25 p.m. - An unknown vehicle collided 11:49 a.m. - A 1994 Chevrolet C1500 with a wooden fence at Caprock Apartments, Center Tabitha Howell,

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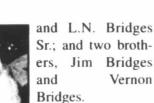
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and by a son, Wayne

Survivors include one daughter, Floella "Flo" Quattlebaum and husband Neil of Amarillo; two

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I nursoay, March 4

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A Social Security check in the amount of \$564 was taken from an unreported location. Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Drive.

Friday, March 5

Driving while intoxicated was reported at the intersection of Alcock and Dwight streets, where an accident occurred.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Coffee. There was no reported damage at the time of the offense. Trees were toilet papered and shaving cream was sprayed around the property.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Yeager.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Drive.

Disruption of class was reported at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, 801 E. Browning.

Domestic violence was reported in the 1100 block of

Saturday, March 6 Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of North Sumner. Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 31, 1124 E. Kingsmill, was arrested in

only.

connection with the incident. Deadly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart. A window of a 1995 Pontiac Grand Prix was broken while the victim was driving. It is unknown how the window was broken.

An information report was taken in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

Tommy Ray Carver, 47, 901 E. Malone, was arrested at 600 E. Browning on capias pro fines for no insurance and two counts of failure to display driver's license.

Sunday, March 7

An information report was taken in reference to alleged aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the 400 block of South Farley. The suspect, which is known to the complainant, came to the complainant's house and knocked on the door. When the door was opened, the suspect allegedly walked into the house holding a handgun. No injuries were reported.

Harassment was reported

City Briefs

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fines for operating a motor vehicle without a license plate, no valid driver's license, running a stop sign, failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Martin Hernandez, 44, Lakeview, was arrested threequarters of a mile south of 23rd Avenue on Price Road for driving while intoxicated, second offense, with an open container.

Morris Lynn Powell, 52, 420 N. Wynne, was arrested in the 400 block of West Foster for public intoxication.

Ramiro Garcia Baca, 19, 1809 Coffee, was arrested at 600 E. Frederic for minor driving under the influence and minor in possession of alcohol. Two other subjects were cited for minor in possession.

Ray Madrid Soto, 39, 218 Hazel, was arrested at 720 E. Frederic for public intoxication.

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pickup, driven by Jerry Waldon Reagan, 66, en by Kristina Donn Alexander, 16, 918 Cinderella, collided in the intersection of Hobart Street and 18th Avenue. No injuries were reported. Reagan was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Monday, March 1

Thursday, March 4

12:00 a.m. - An unknown vehicle collided with a 2000 Chrysler LHS, leased by Gregor Lynn Reeves, 1910 Grape, in a private parking lot at 2225 N. Hobart and then left the

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests as of 7 a.m. today. Saturday, March 6

Jeffery Dale Corcoran, 43, Wheeler, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram and less than four grams.

Michael Megee, 40, Wheeler, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram and less than four grams.

Christopher Gene Morris, 31, 1812 N Zimmers, was arrested for speeding; failure to appear; bond surrender on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense; theft out of Potter County; and theft by check out of Randall County.

Sunday, March 7

Ricky Davis, 33, 1008 S. Farley, was arrested for theft by check.

Coleman John Hampton, 20, Waco, was arrested for expired motor vehicle registration, no driver's license on person, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to signal a turn.

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period end-

Saturday, March 6

12:06 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 600 block of West Browning. It was a false alarm and the call was canceled before firefighters arrived.

responded to a fire alarm at Pampa Regional

1601 W. Somerville, and then left the scene 522 N. Wells, and a 1988 Toyota Celica, driv- No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued

Saturday, March 6

7:12 p.m. - A 2002 Ford F150 pickup, driven by Richard Burton Palmer, 59, 318 N. Faulkner, and a 2004 Chevrolet coupe, driven by Donald William Wilson, 19, 1601 W. Somerville #1110, collided in the 1500 block of West Alcock. No injuries were reported. Palmer was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and Wilson was cited for no insurance.

AMBULANCE

Rural/ Metro Ambulance responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 5

11:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Wilcox. No patient transported.

2:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 1500 block of Kentucky and transported one to BSA, Amarillo.

7:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Alcock. No patient transported.

7:28 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Sloan and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:25 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 1000 block of South Wells. The call was canceled.

Saturday, March 6

3:18 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Nursing Center. No patient transport.

4:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 1400 block of North Somerville and transported one to PRMC.

FIRE

Medical Center. It was a false alarm and the call was canceled before firefighters arrived.

2:55 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire at U.S. Highway 60 and Gray 5. A controlled burn had become uncontrolled. Firefighters controlled the fire. Sunday, March 7

5:30 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters 12:27 p.m. - Two units and six firefighters responded to a grass fire about eight miles south of Pampa. About eight acres burned.

WEATHER FOCUS

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ing at 7 a.m. today.

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows

winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday the afternoon. Wednesday night, night, partly cloudy. Lows in the partly cloudy. Lows in the mid in the upper 30s. West winds upper 30s. South winds 5 to 10 30s. Thursday, partly cloudy. around 10 mph shifting to the mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. north 5 to 15 mph after mid-Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest Thursday night, mostly cloudy night. Tuesday, partly cloudy. winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to with a 20 percent chance of rain Highs in the mid 60s. Northeast the northwest 15 to 20 mph in showers. Lows in the mid 30s.

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2004 Student Government Association officers for Clarendon College-Pampa Center are as follows: front row, from left – Donna Ferrell, Megan Poole, Tabitha Winkler; and back row, from left – Bobby Schiffman, Amanda Howell, Brian Yearwood, and Brad Justice.

U.S. Supreme Court refuses to rule in Boy Scouts discrimination appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) - gram the Boy Scouts over what the organizations claims is dis- argued to the high court. crimination because of its policy against hiring gays.

the right to ban openly homosexual scout leaders. This time, other organizations than because of that policy.

The Scouts asked the justices to hear a case from charities that receive donations lower federal judge. through a state employee payroll deduction plan.

would The Supreme Court refused Connecticut's gay rights law, supporting the Boy Scouts. Monday to hear an appeal from state Connecticut attorney General Richard Blumenthal

The gay rights law prohibits the state from "becoming a The case revisited the gay party to any agreement, oppose it to relinquish their rights fight surrounding the arrangement or plan which has constitutionally high court's ruling four years the effect of sanctioning disago that the Boy Scouts have crimination," the state's legal exchange for a government filing said.

the question was whether states last year that Connecticut did may treat the Scouts differently not violate the Scouts' First Thomas More Law Center, Amendment rights. The argued. Connecticut policy was intended more to protect gays than to silence the views of groups like Connecticut, where officials the Scouts, the court said in dropped the group from a list of upholding then ruling of a

> The American Legion, v Campus Crusade for Christ and

violate filed friend-of-the-court briefs

"Permitting this decision to stand would open the door for other governmental action that seeks to advance a political agenda by forcing those who protected views, beliefs and practices in benefit that was otherwise A federal appeals court ruled available," lawyers a Catholic public interest law firm, the

The case is Boy Scouts of America v. Wyman, 03-956.

On the Net:

Court site: Supreme http://www.supremecourtus.go

Boy Scouts of America site:

PRIMARY

the eventual nominee. President Bush is the only Republican presidential candidate on the ballot. There is also an "uncommitted" option

for GOP voters. Bush is spending time in his home state before Tuesday's election. After a weekend at his ranch in Crawford, he was attending a rodeo and a fundraiser in Houston on Monday.

Early voting for the primary ran for two weeks and concluded Friday. Connor said the rate of early voting varied across the state. He predicted a total of nearly 1.7 million people, or 14 percent of the state's 12.26 million registered voters, will cast ballots.

In congressional primary two incumbent races. Democrats are fighting to stay in office in districts that cover parts of the Texas-Mexico border.

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, a five-term Democrat from Austin, is running against former district judge Leticia Hinojosa of Hidalgo County in District 25. The majority-Latino district is a narrow strip spanning 350 miles from Travis County to Hidalgo County.

Doggett's support is strong in Austin, where his previous district was concentrated. So he's been campaigning and spending heavily in the Rio Grande Valley, gathering high-profile endorsements along the way. Hinojosa, who is Mexican-American, grew up in the southern part of the district and promotes herself as the hometown candidate.

The winning Democrat faces either Republican Rebecca Armendariz Klein, former chair of the Texas Public Utility Commission, or minister Regner Capener.

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U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, is being challenged by former Texas Secretary of State Henry Cuellar of Laredo in neighboring District 28. Cuellar almost beat Republican Rep. Henry Bonilla of San Antonio in 2002

Republicans vying for the seat are James "Jim" F. Hopson, Gabriel "Gabe" Perales, Jr., Chris Bellamy and Francisco "Quico" Canseco.

In a fierce battle in District 17 in the Waco region, Dot Snyder, a former school board member credited with creating a program that inspired Bush's "No Child Left Behind" education initiative, faces conservative state legislator Arlene Wohlgemuth of Burleson and Army retiree Dave McIntyre.

The winner will face 13year incumbent Rep. Chet Edwards of Waco, one of the Democratic congressmen whose district was targeted for takeover by Republicans.

In the Texas Railroad Commission race, commission chairman Victor Carrillo has strong financial backing and the support of high-level Republicans in his primary race against Robert Butler of Palestine, Douglas Deffenbaugh of San Antonio and K. Dale Henry of Mullin. The Republican winner

will face Democrat Bob Scarborough of Fort Worth in November.

On another front, all Democratic voters are being asked to weigh in on two ballot referenda.

One asks voters whether they favor or oppose any efforts to end or privatize Social Security and Medicare. The other asks whether voters favor a state constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers from legislative mandates that require local property tax increases.

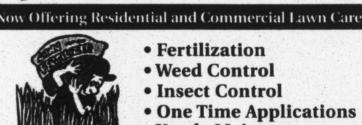
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That's unconstitutional dis- numerous other organizations http://www.scouting.org crimination, the Boy Scouts argued.

"To exclude the Boy Scouts from a forum based on their values they hold and the conduct they require of their members is to exclude Boy Scouts based on viewpoint and identity," lawyers for the Scouts argued in their Supreme Court appeal.

The Scouts took in about \$10,000 annually from the employee charity campaign, the filing said.

The Boy Scouts, based in Irving, Texas, are pursuing a similar court fight in San Diego, where city officials want to evict the group from a park where the organization runs a youth aquatic center. The Bush administration sided with the Scouts in that case last week.

Connecticut officials also raised the issue of discrimination to explain why the Scouts were dropped from the State Employee Campaign Committee in 2000.

A state human rights commission had found that including the Boy Scouts of America in the employee donation pro-



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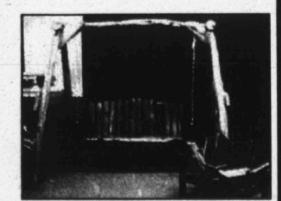


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Recovery efforts go on in water taxi accident

BALTIMORE (AP) - Recovery crews equipped with dogs, sonar equipment and helicopters focused on a 1,000square-yard area of Baltimore Harbor on Monday in the search for three people missing since a water taxi capsized during a sudden storm.

Divers were sent to investigate three objects detected in the search area that could be the missing passengers, Fire Department spokesman Kevin Cartwright said. By Monday afternoon, one of the objects was determined to be debris, Cartwright said.

There was no word on how long it would take to determine if the other two are missing passengers.

The Seaport Taxi pontoon boat overturned Saturday afternoon near Fort McHenry when the area was struck by a sudden storm with wind gusting to 55 mph. Of the 25 people on board, one died, and a man, a woman and a child were still missing.

"We have three people missing and we need to bring them home," Fire Department Chief William Goodwin said. "And that's what we're committed to doing."

The water temperature in the area had fallen to about 36 degrees Monday morning. That meant that the divers could only stay on the bottom for about 20 minutes at a time, Goodwin said.

They also would face zero visibility at times and treacherous debris on the bottom.

"This is an old harbor. It's not the Bahamas out there," Goodwin said.

Five people remained in hospitals Monday. An 8-yearold girl and a 30-year-old woman were in critical condition.

The boat and other water taxis had been trying to return to land because of the weather, the chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board said Monday.

Federal authorities were looking at the poor weather at the time of the accident, as well as the boat's condition and the actions of its two crew members, said Ellen Engleman-Conners, chairwoman of the NTSB. Both crew members survived.

In an interview Monday on CNN, she said she believed that a small craft advisory had been issued because of the weather.

"We also know that there was communication between the owner-operator and all of their vessels on the water as well as the specific communication to this captain," Engleman-Conners said. "The vessels were in the process of trying to return to a safe place, to a pier where they could be moored safely."

Navy reservists rushed to the scene after seeing the boat in trouble. The sailors described the horrific scene: survivors clinging to the overturned vessel in frigid water pounded by wind-driven rain, telling them more were trapped below. ALL HALL PROPERTY AND ALL HALL

"It was pretty hateful," Petty Officer Henry Zecher said. I'm relieved that we were able to save as many lives as we were."

PHS Journalism Spotlight Abstinence good way ... on Cory Baker Cory Baker is a freshman at Patha High School. He to approach dating class.

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Grant gives WT green light for a 'Go Center'

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CANYON — Collegians visiting public high schools to encourage students to pursue higher education is a key component of a Go Center, something a \$15,000 grant will help establish at West Texas A&M University.

The grant is from the Texas Higher Education Board's Coordinating (THECB) statewide campaign, College for Texans. WTAMU was notified of the grant Feb. 10 and already is making plans to establish a chartered student organization to be known on campus as the G-Force. It will be comprised of approximately 10 WTAMU students selected to take the higher-education message to area high schools. "Go Centers are a cooperative effort between colleges and high schools, especially those schools where the percentage of students who move on to college is below average," Tana Miller, associate director of admissions, said. "Our G-Force will be a chartered organization made up of students who have a desire to help others. "This is an opportunity for WTAMU students to make a difference. Hopefully we can increase the number of Panhandle-area high school

he THECB's College for Texans campaign, begun in 2002, is an aggressive campaign to send half a million more Texans to college by the year 2015. The campaign slogan is "Education. Go Get It."

students who continue on to student organizations are offcollege." shoots of the campaign and The THECB's College for have been popping up across

wrote the following opinion column in his Journalism I

Many people often suggest Once you've had sex with some- married to have all the sex you want. love someone. It is, after all, one of the same. I think Cameron Diaz put ing kids out of marriage, getting all the best excuses for having sex out- it best in Vanilla Sky. "When you kinds of STD's, or getting yelled sleep with someone, your body at or looked down upon by those

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Everyone wants a happy First, there is no contracep- since sexual behavior today leads marriage. And with the continued production of more and more effective contraceptives, legal abortions (which I'm against), and a morallydivorce rate to nearly 50 percent.

People tend to think that it's the best interest of the child as well herpes-infected, suicidal, freak. At okay to have sex when they aren't married. But the negatives still out-Secondly, sex has some point: since love is all about self- riage, and you'll be better off in the

nities.

WTAMU already has identified some area high schools with low college-going rates that Miller thinks can benefit from visits by the G-Force.

"We will be approaching some area high schools shortly about how we think G-Force can be a positive and plausible way to share the dream of a college education with students who may not be considering it," Miller said. "Sometimes college-age students have more of an impact

on high school-age students

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The 36-foot pontoon boat had just set off across the harbor from historic Fort McHenry on the way to the city's Fells Point when it overturned. The boat, which was at full capacity, was equipped with life preservers but passengers are not required to wear them.

Engleman-Conners said an initial inspection of the boat found that the steering system appeared to be intact.

She said officials also inspected five other boats operated by the Living Classrooms Foundation, which operates the 11 Seaport Taxis.

A spokeswoman for the nonprofit group said the boat's captain, Frank Deppner, has talked to investigators.

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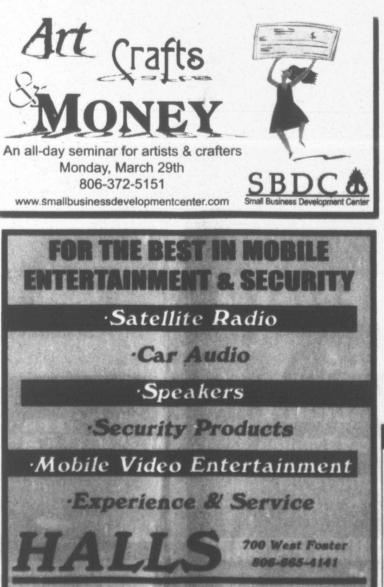
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Stewart thanks viewers and readers after meeting with probation officer

By ERIN MCCLAM ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) -Martha Stewart thanked viewers of her television shows and readers of her magazines and Web sites for their support on Monday, making her first public remarks since being convicted of lying about a stock sale.



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She made the remarks as she was getting into a sport utility vehicle outside a lower Manhattan courthouse, where she met with a probation officer for about an hour. The meeting came as stock in her namesake empire continued to slide and the board of her company was gathering to discuss life without the domestic diva.

"I want to thank my readers, my viewers and the Internet users," Stewart said just before closing the door behind her. "I just want to thank everyone for their support."

The probation meeting is the first step toward sentencing. While lawyers did not comment on what took place at the meeting, newly convicted defendants typically give basic information about themselves.

Stewart was convicted Friday along with stockbroker Peter Bacanovic. Both are expected to get 10 to 16 months in prison when they are sentenced on June 17.

The board of directors of Stewart's. company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc., was to meet Monday to discuss her fate, according to a

source close to the company who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Stewart stepped down from her role as chief executive and chairman of the board in June after being indicted but remains as chief creative officer and a member of the board.

With her conviction, the government will likely press to have Stewart removed from the board, but the big question is how involved in the company she will be. Stewart's name, now tainted by a conviction, is stamped on a wide variety of products, from TV shows to magazines and merchandise.

Investors continued to drive the shares in the company down; after dropping 23 percent Friday they were down 72 cents or 6.6 percent at \$10.14 in late-morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The stock had traded at about \$19 a share before Stewart's name surfaced in the ImClone investigation. Stewart owns about 30 million shares of the company, an approximate 61 percent stake, meaning she has lost millions as the stock has fallen.

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Six-day NJA event themed 'Angus and All that Jazz'

Mark your calendars now for the 2004 National Junior Angus Show set for July 12-17 at the American Royal Complex in Kansas City, Mo. The Missouri Junior Angus Association is busy making plans for "Angus and All That Jazz." The six-day event will feature the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world and a host of educational and leadership activities for all members of the National Junior Angus Association.

The cattle show will include divisions for bredand-owned bulls, heifers and cow-calf pairs as well as owned heifers, cow-calf pairs and steers. Youth also have the opportunity to enter steers in a carcass contest.

Judges for the cattle show include Brian McCulloh, Viroqua, Wis., who will evaluate the owned females; Mark McClintock, Fort McKavitt, Texas, who will judge bredand-owned females and bulls and cow-calf pairs; and Jim Gillooly, Washington, Ind., who will select champions in the steer show.

In addition to the cattle shows, educational contests are held for youth ages 9 to 21. Competitions include: prepared and extemporaneous speaking, team sales, quiz bowl, photography, poster, graphic design and creative writing. The American Angus www.njas.info.

Auxiliary will sponsor the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-off. As well, six members will be elected to the NJAA board of directors at the annual meeting of the NJAA that is held during the week.

More than 50 contestants will compete in the 38th National Junior Annual Angus Showmanship Contest. The contest is limited to two participants from each state, and a young person may only compete once. Showmanship judges include Alan Miller, LeRoy, Ill.; Sankey, Council Sharee Grove, Kan.; and Robert Alden, Hamilton, Mo.

Exhibitors and contestants at the NJAS must be a junior member of the American Angus Association, and must be 9-years-old, but not yet 21, by Jan. 1, 2004, to compete in the activities. Applications for transfer of the animal to junior members must be post-May marked by 15. Applications for registration of bred-and-owned animals and all entries must be postmarked by June 1.

For more information about the 2004 NJAS, contact the junior activities department at the American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506-2997, call (816) 383-5100 or access the Internet at

North American Corriente Association breaks records

North American Corriente trying times in agriculture. Association set all-time records for registrations and transfers of ownership processed in 2003. The breed registry processed 2,375 transfers last year, an increase of 22 percent over the previous year. It also enjoyed a five percent increase in registration applications processed with a total of 3,369. Both totals set all-time records for NACA. Transfers of ownership are an important barometer of the health of breed associations. They indicate the degree of sales of registered seedstock by members as well as an overall measure of the growth of a breed, according to officials at NACA. "This level of activity is very gratifying," said NACA Executive Director Jim Spawn. "It speaks to the positive acceptance of NACA team roping and bulldogging

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - cattle, especially during some Another indication of our growth is the record number of cattle entered at our National Show in 2003."

The next NACA National Show and Convention is set Angus officers



(Photo by American Angus Association)

James Goode of Pampa, third from the left, was recently elected to the 2004 Texas Angus Association board of directors for the coming year. Other officers include (left-right) Jim Macom of Mabank, Ernest Shelton Jr. of New Boston, Robert Earley of Bastrop and Rodney Howell of Gainesville.

FARM SCENE: Mouthwash chemical to decrease harmful germs in poultry

By DAVID HAMMER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

— The same chemical used in most mouthwashes for more than half a century has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use on poultry as a way to reduce food-borne illness.

Researcher Cesar Compadre and colleagues at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences spent 10 years and nearly \$1 million attempting to prove what later became obvious: The chemical compound CPC provides effective protection against salmonella, E. coli, listeria and other germs.

"CPC has been used since the 1930s in mouthwashes cleaning surfaces, but nobody thought to use it to clean meat," Compadre said. Safe Foods Inc. of North Little Rock, which developed CPC into a spray it will market under the brand name announced Cecure, Wednesday that the FDA told the company it can begin marketing the product as soon as it is published in the Federal Register.

work because it seemed simple. Some questioned why it hadn't been used before.

The chemical has no taste or smell, doesn't change the color of meat and only leaves noticeable residue on foods when they contain a lot of surface fat, Compadre said.

"Bleach is an effective anti-microbial, but it will discolor the meat," Compadre said. "Other chemicals can make the skin soapy and give you what is called 'slick chicken.' We've tested all those chemicals and none was effective as CPC. And bacteria are usually smart enough to build resistance and there's almost no resistance to CPC."

The world's largest meat supplier already has plans for Cecure. Tyson spokesman Ed and people tried to use it for Nicholson said the company sees promise in the product and will test it as a part of its food safety measures. Compadre and research colleagues Hamid Salari and Kim Fifer started with a \$50,000-a-year grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After the researchers used additional school funds, Safe Foods came along in 1999 and licensed use of CPC in the Cecure spray. Safe Foods invested \$7 million to test Cecure under poultry processing conditions

and chief executive of Safe Foods, said he didn't fully understand how effective CPC, or cetylpyridinium chloride, would be as an antimicrobial when his tiny firm started working on Cecure.

Coleman believes applying Cecure to poultry and later to beef, pork, seafood, fruits and vegetables will significantly reduce the 76 million foodborne illnesses in the United States each year and the approximately 5,000 deaths a year that result.

Safe Foods has sent Cecure to poultry processing companies around the world for their own evaluations and was pleasantly surprised by their enthusiasm.

'We weren't prepared for the level of interest from the food industry," Coleman said.

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Cattle on feed shows increase

AUSTIN - Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more' totaled 2.83 million head on Jan. 1, up 8 percent from a year ago. According to a recent report released by the **Texas Agricultural Statistics** Service, the estimate was down slightly from the Dec. 1 level. Producers placed 420,000 head in commercial feedlots during December, up 17 percent from a year ago and 5 percent below the November 2003 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 410,000 head during December, up 3 percent from last year and unchanged from the November 2003, total.

On Jan. 1, there were 2.33 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 82 percent of the state's total. The number on feed across the area was up 6 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the December total.

December placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 317,000 head, an 8 percent decrease from the November total. Marketings were up 4 percent from last month to 334,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled 11.2 million head on Jan. 1, 2004. This inventory was 6 percent above Jan. 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.75 million head, 10 percent above December 2002. December placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 503,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 529,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled

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www.corrientecattle.org.

Texas milk production up from last year

AUSTIN — Texas milk production totaled 526 million pounds during January, up 9 percent from last year's production of 482 million pounds. December 2003 production totaled 499 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during January averaged 317,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year but

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unchanged from December 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,660 pounds during January, up 10 percent from last year and 5 percent from December 2003.

Milk production in the 20 states participating in the survey totaled 12.5 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent

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Mom is Outraged by Friend's **Bait-and-Switch Child Care**

DEAR ABBY: I am 28 years old and a returned to college after Christmas break, survivor of childhood sexual abuse. Recently, a friend I'll call "Toni" asked if my 5-year-old daughter, "Chris," could stay overnight with her 4-year-old son. I have always said no, but this time Chris wanted so badly to do it that I said yes.

Toni knows how protective I am. She assured me Chris would be safe in her care. So my husband and I went to a movie and dinner. Since we were in the neighborhood, we stopped by around 10 p.m. to check on our daughter. When we arrived, we found Toni had gone to a party and left the children with a teenage baby sitter.

The children were upstairs jumping on the bed and raising Cain. I was horrified that my child had been left with a stranger when my friend had assured me she would be there. We packed up our little girl and left.

Toni called later to find out what happened. I explained my feeling that she should not have left Chris with a stranger without discussing it with me first. She called me paranoid and said I have a mental disorder and that I can't always protect my child.

Abby, I am not asking for advice. I am asking for your opinion so that I can prove a point. I want to open other parents' eyes to the fact that in this day and age we must do whatever is in our power to protect our children -- no matter whose toes we step on. -- PARANOID MOTH-ER

DEAR PARANOID: I agree that parents must do everything they can to protect their children. However, that is not what your letter is really about. Your friend was wrong to lead you to believe she would be supervising your daughter when that wasn't the case. It was dishonest and unfair, and I don't blame you for taking your child home. I see nothing wrong with parents socializing with other adults and leav-

my live-in boyfriend, "Ollie," informed me that he considers her to be a "guest" in our home and that she had overstayed her welcome. I feel that since she is still in school and my dependent, my home is her home and she is welcome to spend her breaks with me. My other daughter starts college in the fall, and I don't want her to feel that she, too, is a "guest" when she comes home.

This has been eating at me, Abby. I love Ollie, but there are no "choices" between my children and him. I thought he liked my children. I want to talk to Ollie to find out why he feels this way, and I am prepared to ask him to move out if he is firm about this.

Am I justified in drawing the line? --HURT AND CONFUSED

DEAR HURT: You certainly are. Because your live-in appears to be both presumptuous and controlling, be glad that he spoke up now. A child coming home for a holiday vacation is hardly a major invasion. Consider very carefully what his attitude will mean for you in years to come. It is your daughters' home as well as yours, and he should not be dictating how long they should stay. *****

DEAR ABBY: I have two friends who divorced during the past year and now share custody of their children. During a recent argument, they began fighting over who gets to keep the church and the minister. So, Dear Abby, who does get custody of the minister? This is a new one on me. -- THE MINISTER IN QUESTION

DEAR MINISTER: Do not allow yourself to be drawn into something so petty. Both parties should be able to attend your church if they wish; there is usually more than one service on Sunday and separate sections in which to sit if they should happen to show up

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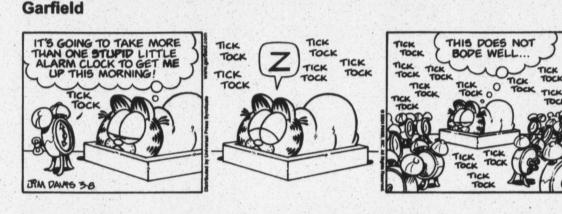
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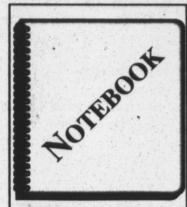
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PAMPA — Registration for Optimist Baseball-Softball 2004 will be held today through Thursday at Optimist Park. All players need to register at this time.

Tryouts for new players and players moving to a new league will be held March 22-24.

Playing fees are \$35 for girls 7-9, and \$45 for girls 10-15, Baseball playing fees are \$35 for T-ball and pitching machine players; \$45 for players ages 9-12 in the Cal Ripken Leagues and \$60 for Babe Ruth League players 13 to 15 years old.

GOLF

BORGER — Pampa Weston sophomore Teichmann was third-place medalist at the Borger Boys Invitational. Teichmann had a two-round score of 153.

The Harvesters were fourth in the final team standings with a two-round score of 671. Tascosa won the invitational with a 613.

BASKETBALL

AUSTIN (AP) - For the fourth straight year, the Class 4A final was Dallas Lincoln vs. Plainview.

For the first time in that series, Lincoln emerged Saturday as the champion, with a 57-35 victory coming in large part to a point guard

Cowboys wrap up title against stricken Aggies

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Did any conference basketball race ever conclude with a bigger, bolder exclamation mark?

The best team vs. the worst. The front-runner as coach of the year vs. the guy everybody figures could be fired. The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat were both on parade in Stillwater, Okla., on Saturday.

As expected, the surprising Oklahoma State Cowboys swept away the downtrodden Texas A&M Aggies 70-41. For the Cowboys (24-3, 14-2 Big 12), it's their first outright conference title since 1965.

"This was a very, very special day," said coach Eddie Sutton. "We've won a lot of championships in the years that I've coached, but I'm not sure that any one of them is any more special than this one.

"This team has come so far. They continue to amaze me."

Reminding everyone that nice guys really do finish last sometimes was Melvin Watkins. The Texas A&M coach watched his squad sink to 7-20, 0-16, making it only the second team in Big 12 history to go winless in the conference.

In their final regular-season game, the Aggies lost by their

largest margin and scored their (21-6, 12-4), No. 3 Kansas (20fewest points of the year.

"The kids are still trying, but there's not as much energy as there was earlier," Watkins said. "It's been a long season."

So now it's on to the Big 12 tournament starting Thursday in Dallas' American Airlines Center, then, for a few Big 12 teams, the ultimate goal of the NCAA tourney.

When No. 21 Kansas beat Missouri 84-82 Sunday in the final game of the regular season and the final game in the Tigers' Hearnes Center, the seedings were set. Getting first-round byes are No. 1 seed Oklahoma State, No. 2 Texas

7, 12-4), No. 4 Colorado (18-9, 10-6), and No. 5 Texas Tech (21-9, 9-7).

Absent will be Baylor (8-21, 3-13), which excused itself from postseason action in the wake of last summer's revelations of NCAA violations.

In the first game on Thursday it will be No. 9 seed Kansas State (14-13, 6-10) vs. No. 8 seed Iowa State (16-11, 7-9). Next will be No. 10 Nebraska (16-11, 6-10) against No. 7 Oklahoma (18-9, 8-8) followed by No. 11 Texas A&M against No. 6 Missouri (15-12, 9-7).

first game meets Oklahoma State, Texas Tech goes against Colorado, Texas meets the winner of game two and Kansas plays the winner of game three.

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Headed into the postseason under a head of steam will be Oklahoma State, of course, plus Kansas, Colorado and Kansas State.

The Jayhawks' rousing victory over Missouri not only closed the Hearnes Center on a losing note for the Tigers, but it gave Kansas five wins in its last six games.

Colorado has won five of its last six to put itself in strong

Pee-wees place third

Lefors pee-wee girls' team placed third in the McLean 3rd-4th Grade Basketball Tournament.. Team members are (front, I-r) Meir Vaid, Taylor Morgan, Amber Shepard and Erin Rice; (back, I-r) Courtney Miller, Story Pairsh and Kattilynne Reeves.



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District 3-4A Standings	Caprock	4-4	6-13-0
Boys	Pampa	3-5	7-10-1
Team District Overall	Borger	2-6	NA
Pampa 7-1 8-10-0	Palo Duro	2-6	NA



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On Friday, the winner of the contention for an NCAA bid.

playing with 45 stitches in her leg.

"It's emotional," Lincoln coach Michael Ensley said after his team captured a frustratingly elusive championship trophy.

Lincoln (30-1) did it behind guards Rachel Butler - who had missed Lincoln's semifinal game after tearing open her thigh in a yard accident at home a week earlier - and Burns, Artavia the Hampton-bound duo who alternately limped and sprinted around the court.

Butler and Burns combined for 29 points, and Andrea Riley added 13.

"She's my new hero," Ensley said of Butler, who decided she was ready to play after testing her leg by running down a hotel hallway earlier in the day.

"By the grace of God," said Butler, who played 24 minutes. "It was still hurting. I had to play through it."

Lincoln also got a helping hand from a Plainview team that couldn't shoot straight for nearly three quarters.

The Bulldogs (31-3) shot just 2-of-23 in the first half and went scoreless in the second quarter.

Pampa High track teams compete in Borger Relays

BORGER — Pampa finished fourth with 52 points

at last weekend's Borger Relays in the boys' division. Pampa's lone first-place

individual was Greg Wiley in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 14.84.

The 400-meter relay team (Johnny Moore, Greg Wiley, Cam Segar, Mark Williams) was second with a time of 44.68.

Johnny Moore was third in the 100 (11.51) and the 800-meter relay team

placed third with a time of 0). 1:36.64. In the girls' division,

Pampa was fifth with 61 points.

Kendall Stokes in the triple jump (35-0) and Brittany Irvin (8-0) in the pole vault brought back first-place medals for the Lady Harvesters. Stokes also claimed points for Pampa in the 100 hurdles, (second place, 16.18) and long jump (third place, 16-

Other Lady Harvesters who placed were Kaysha Lee, second, high jump (5-0) and Jerrica Timmons, third, 300 hurdles (52.41).

Both Pampa boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity teams are home this coming weekend for the Top Of Texas meet.

Field events and pre-lims begin at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Teams entered include Duro, Tascosa, Palo Caprock and Dalhart.

Unhappy Owens wants to play for Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Even though he was traded to Baltimore, Terrell Owens still hopes to catch passes from Donovan McNabb in Philadelphia next season.

One day after the San Francisco 49ers sent the fourtime Pro Bowl receiver to the Ravens, Owens said he's not happy with the deal and plans to file a grievance.

"This is about me getting a fair shot at a team that I want to go to. Baltimore is definitely one of my choices, but Philly was my 'A' choice, my priority on my list," Owens said in an interview on to my agent earlier and we're going to file a grievance for the situation and we're going to hope for whatsoever," Donahue said. the best possible situation."

Desperate for a No. 1 receiver, the Eagles reportedly agreed to a contract with Owens that included a signing bonus believed to be worth about \$10 million. But the volatile receiver was traded to the Ravens for a second-round pick Thursday before Philadelphia could work out a trade with the 49ers.

San Francisco general manager Terry Donahue said Eagles coach Andy Reid offered a fifth-

ESPN late Friday night. "I talked round pick and wide receiver James Thrash for Owens. "We had no interest in that

Donahue said he countered with a list of other players he'd want for Owens, but the teams couldn't agree on a deal.

"I told Andy we were going to move really quick and that we had a second-round pick and that if he had any further interest to call me back," Donahue said.

The Eagles wouldn't comment Friday. Owens' agent, David Joseph, didn't return phone calls from The Associated Press.



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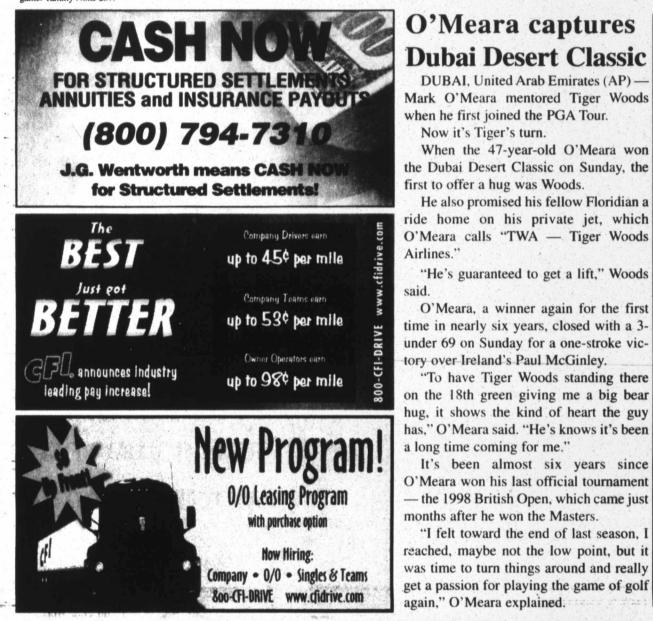
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Stars gaining ground in Pacific Division

DALLAS (AP) - While the Dallas Stars are gaining ground on San Jose in the Pacific Division, the Sharks are quick to point out that they're still in first place.

Marty Turco made 22 saves for his 19th career shutout, and the Stars set a franchise record by extending their home unbeaten streak to 14 games with a 4-0 victory Sunday.

The Sharks have 83 points, two more than the Stars, who used a dominant first period to set up their third victory over San Jose in four meetings this season.

"I think as the game went on, we learned what we have to do to play in this atmosphere, and hopefully it's a learning

Now it's Tiger's turn.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) -

When the 47-year-old O'Meara won

He also promised his fellow Floridian a

"He's guaranteed to get a lift," Woods

O'Meara, a winner again for the first

"To have Tiger Woods standing there

It's been almost six years since

"I felt toward the end of last season, I

experience for everybody," Sharks coach Ron Wilson said. "We feel real good about the second half of the game. We were competing. That's what we came to do and, surprise, surprise, we're still in first place."

Dallas improved to 13-4-2 in its last 19 games against San Jose. The Stars completed a 7-0-1 homestand, the longest in franchise history.

The Stars open a four-game road trip Tuesday night against Pittsburgh.

"We're in no position to overlook anybody right now," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "(The Penguins) are going to play hard, and if you're not willing to come in committed,

you're going to be in trouble." The Stars and Sharks have two more regular-season meetings: March 16 in Dallas and March 28 in San Jose.

Turco, who has won all seven career starts against the Sharks, established a career high with his 32nd victory.

Jon Klemm and Pierre Turgeon set the tone when they scored in the first six minutes, and Stu Barnes added three assists.

"To go out there and grab the momentum early in that game and to come out very determined is a credit to the players and how much hard work these guys are putting in," Tippett said.

Rob DiMaio had a second-

period goal, and Shayne Corson scored his first goal of the season with 5:47 left.

The Stars are 10-0-4 in their last 14 at home, tying Philadelphia for the NHL's longest home unbeaten streak this season.

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Klemm gave the Stars the lead 1:54 after the opening faceoff when his shot from the point got past screened goalie Evgeni Nabokov.

Turgeon followed with his 11th of the season, scoring from close range off a setup by Corson.

"We've been tested a lot this season as a group," Sharks left wing Scott Thornton said. "We've passed a lot of tests this year."

Baseball gets a weekend reprieve

By TIM DAHLBERG AP Sports Columnist

The Yankees played the Red Sox, and it seemed as if last season never ended. Across the country, fans lined up by the thousands at Dodger Stadium to buy tickets for a team that can't hit. Derek Jeter hit a home run, Alex Rodriguez got booed, and Steve Garvey gave out autographs. Roger Clemens came out of a brief retirement to throw his first pitches for his new team, and Greg Maddux returned to the mound for the Cubs.

Everywhere you looked, the first weekend of the exhibition season was good for baseball's damaged soul. For a few sun-drenched days in Florida and Arizona, things seemed right again with a sport that can't seem to keep fans away no matter how badly it behaves. It wasn't a time to talk

about steroids, or the California investigation that threatens to make some ballplayers a whole lot smaller. Gary Sheffield did-

n't have to offer to urinate in

a cup for anyone, and Barry

away from his locker.

No, this was a time for fans and players alike to do what they've done from the days before Babe Ruth --- celebrate the eternal optimism of spring and all that is good about the game they love.

They did it in Arizona, where Maddux let up one hit in two innings in his celebrated return to the team he left 12 years earlier. And they did it in Florida, where thousands packed the stands to see their Red Sox lose 11-7 to the Yankees in the most anticipated exhibition game of recent times.

"We look forward to an unbelievable summer." Rodriguez said.

So, apparently do the diehard followers of America's pastime, the fans who have remained loyal through various strikes, lockouts, latenight World Series games, and laughably high salaries and ticket prices.

Reasonable people might have stopped caring years ago. But baseball fans are an odd breed, and it takes more than a steroids scandal to keep them from the ballpark.

the first day that singlegame tickets were on sale. The team estimated it sold up between 75,000 and 100,000 tickets, up from 40,000 last year, and opening day was declared a sellout.

Some of that was helped by the Yankees coming to town in June for a three-day series. And, of course, Dodgers fans may not care that fewer balls will be flying over the fences this year because Dodgers hitters rarely hit home runs anyway. Down the freeway about

30 miles, the Angels were also selling tickets like crazy. New owner Arte Moreno lowered beer prices and signed Vladimir Guerrero for \$70 million, a combination he believes will attract a record 3.1 million people this season.

The start of the regular season is another month away, but there was an intensity in the air in Fort Myers, Fla., where a sellout crowd of 7,304 was buzzing in anticipation of the first game between the Yankees



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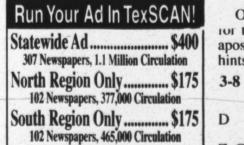
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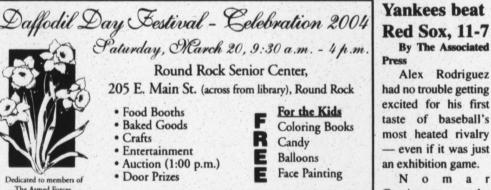
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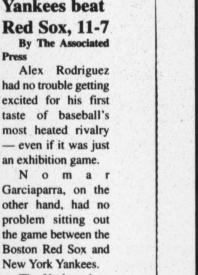
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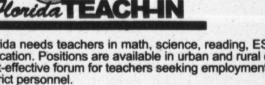
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"They're fun. They're easy to get up for," Rodriguez said of games between the AL East rivals. "We look forward to an unbelievable summer."

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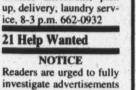
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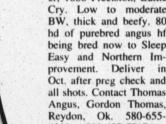
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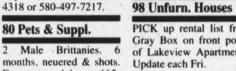
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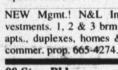
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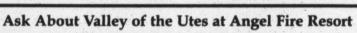












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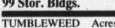
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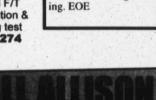
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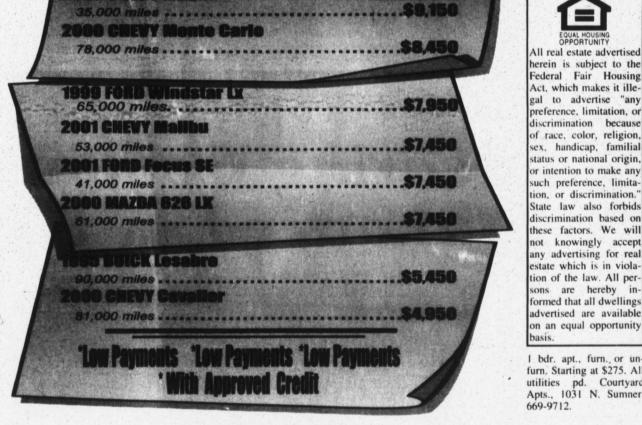


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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You gain a new perspective from working and brainstorming with key people in your life. As you appear to break out of the box in your thinking, solutions form. Revamp your opinions of those around you. Teamwork is the name of the game. Tonight: Get together with a special friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Charge into your daily routine. An associate gives you powerful feedback; you need to listen. Investigate better ways of handling your finances. Revive your thinking. Express ideas in a way that others can hear and assimilate." Accomplishment could become your middle name! Tonight: Off for some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Your inventive mind draws a new person toward you and/or helps change his or her perspective about you. Investigate the possibilities without fear of his or her response. Your opinion of someone in your daily life needs revising. Tonight: Get in early, please. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might still be considering revitalizing your work in order to spend more time at home. In any case, recognize that you need to be open to some dramatic changes within your daily life. Family demands more time. Take better care of yourself. Tonight: Nap first. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your diplomatic manner goes far. Reach out for those around you. A new friendship or child invigorates your energy by displaying a wilder side. Also invigorate your energy by making phone calls and perhaps taking a walk at lunchtime. Tonight: Lively works.

★★★★ Touch base with family or check out an expenditure involving your domestic life. Deal with finances directly and don't allow others to make a decision. A change in perspective, possibly in your home life, appears in the near future, if not today. Tonight: Your treat. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Work on a more effective way of communicating. Expend energy clearing up your desk, returning calls and reaching out for others. Revise your attitude toward finances in the next few days. Your charisma soars on this power day. Tonight: Beam in what you want. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Lie back and follow through on what is important to you. Investigate and research all you want, but keep your opinions hush-hush. Your low profile serves you well, at least until later, when you get a surge of energy. Keep on smil-

to put his or her two cents in. Visualize and evaluate different routes to the same goal. Let your excitement shine through to others. Tonight: Get some extra R and R CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You might need to reverse your

attitude about an associate or authority figure. Are you seeing this person clearly? Work through what's on your desk or what must be done. Your intuition plays a strong role in your decision-making process. Tonight: Work late. Join a pal

later. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Look for why something is happening rather than running with the situation. Get to the root of a problem through discussions with a friend or a

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) group with similar interests. Do needed research and take charge. Tonight: Out late. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Work with others individually, and see what is going on with them. A boss might be demanding. Work with

co-workers to please this person. Read

charge. Tonight: Spend quality time with a special someone. **BORN TODAY** Astronaut Yuri Gagarin (193-), chess player Bobby Fischer (1943), rapper Lil'

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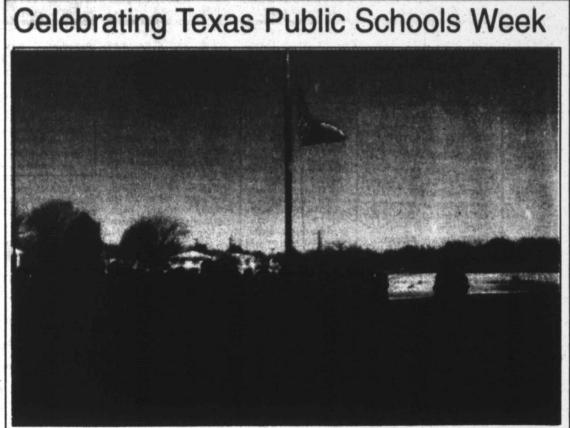
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Fifth grade students at Austin Elementary School watch the U.S. and Texas flags being raised by a Boy Scout color guard this morning to celebrate the beginning of Texas Public Schools Week. Barry Haenisch, superintendent of Pampa Independent School District, was among visitors attending the flag raising ceremony, which included the pledges of allegiance to both flags.

Militants pledge revenge after 14 Palestinians killed in Israeli raid

(AP) — Hamas threatened withdrawal as a victory. revenge Monday, after 14 17 months.

Among the dead were 11 made no arrests. militants and three boys, and fighting near the Bureij refugee camp Sunday pitted hundreds of Palestinians with assault rifles, anti-tank missiles and grenade launchers troops firing from helicopters and tanks.

killed by army fire.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon they get hit."

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip positioning itself to claim ing out attacks on Israelis.

deadliest Israeli raid in Gaza in at drawing out militants; pub attack. troops found no weapons and

> Alon Ben-David, military many armed Palestinians as against our people." possible."

against Israeli snipers and thing is pre-planned. The army "The Palestinians don't see the The spike of violence in snipers, they begin to fire on fering. Gaza came weeks after Israeli armored vehicles, and then

The Islamic militant group Sunday's raid of the Bureij Hamas on Monday belatedly Palestinians were killed in the camp appeared mainly aimed claimed responsibility for the

Hamas said the bombing was a message to Israel that the group "has many options 81 people were wounded. The commentator for Israel TV's to fight against you as long as Channel 10, said the purpose you are occupying your land of such raids is to "kill as and committing massacres

Hamas also released a "It's a ritual in which every- farewell video in which one of the Britons, Omar Khan goes in, stations its snipers, Sharif, from Derby in central then a convoy of armored England, launched into a In new fighting Monday, a vehicles moves in," Ben- tirade in English against Israel 16-year-old Palestinian was David told Israel Army Radio. and what he said was a world indifferent to Palestinian suf-

Sunday's army raid prompted some debate among the said he would withdraw from Israeli military officials armed groups on whether to most of the strip if peace said the raid was meant to put continue engaging the Israelis

Iraqis sign interim constitu

stitution Monday after resolving a political impasse sparked try's most powerful cleric. The the Kurds. signing was a key step in U.S. Iragis by July 1.

Before an audience of prominent Iraqi and American civilian and military officials, including the top administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, the 25 council members signed the document on an antique desk once owned by King Faisal I, Iraq's first monarch.

Council Mohammed Bahr al-Ulloum changes. called the signing a "historic moment, decisive in the history of Iraq."

"There is no doubt that this document will strengthen Iraqi unity in a way never seen before," said Massoud Barzani, a Kurdish leader on the council. "This is the first time that we Kurds feel that we are citizens of Iraq."

The charter — which includes a 13-article bill of rights, enshrines Islam as one of the bases of law and outlines the shape of a parliament and presidency as well as a federal structure for the country. It will remain in effect until a permanent constitution is approved by a national referendum December 2002. planned for late 2005.

About an hour before the signing ceremony began, insurgents fired mortar shells at two police stations in central Baghdad, injuring four people, including one policeman, Iraqi officials said.

Iraqi and U.S. officials still must agree on a method to create the government that will take power on June 30 and serve until national elections due by Jan. 31 — a task that will likely need help from the United Nations.

Monday's ceremony was a

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) .- fell apart when five of the Iraq's Governing Council council's 13 Shiite members document in a separate letter signed a landmark interim con- refused to sign the document congratulating the council because Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani objected by objections from the coun- to a key clause requested by

plans to hand over power to the embarrassed U.S. coalition officials and angered others on the council who saw as it as a Shiite attempt to grab more power.

> After urgent talks over the weekend, al-Sistani signaled to the five Shiite dissenters that he would not oppose the constitution despite his reservations, and the document was president signed Monday without

> > "We must put the interests of our nation above all of our interests. The world is waiting and expecting us to work in the the signing. The members then document with a show of hands

members, who include 13 Shiites, five Kurds, five Sunni Arabs, a Christian and an ethnic Turk.

The last-minute disruption focused on a clause in the draft that gave Iraq's Kurdish minority the power to veto a permanent constitution even if the Shiite majority approved it

in the referendum. draft said that the referendum on the permanent constitution would fail if two thirds of the population in any three provinces reject it - even if it gains a majority nationwide.

Iraq's provinces, wanted the clause to ensure that no charter could service of our nation," Bahr al- be passed that encroaches on Ulloum told council members their self-rule region in the in a meeting Monday before north. unanimously approved the the clause gave a minority an

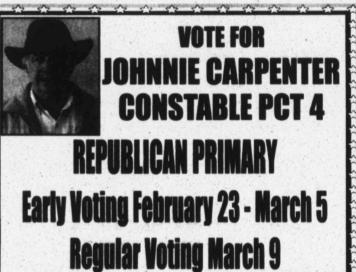
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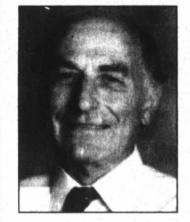
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